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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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# Regional Telecommunications Councils

## Program Overview

The Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission (ITTC) was established in 1994 to supervise the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). The Commission provides for the centralized, coordinated use and control of the ICN. Educational applications are given the highest priority for use of the ICN by the ITTC. The ITTC was authorized to develop advisory committees.

Regional Telecommunications Councils (RTCs) were established in each of the 15 community college districts. Each council has nine members, with one member appointed by each of the following:

- State Board of Regents.
- Iowa Association of Community College Trustees.
- Area Education Agency Board.
- Iowa Association of School Boards.
- School Administrators of Iowa.
- Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
- Iowa State Education Association.
- The Director of the Department of Education.
- The Administrator of the Public Broadcasting Division of the Department of Education.

Additional ex officio nonvoting members may also be appointed to the RTCs. The RTCs provide advice on the assessment of local educational needs and coordinate program activities, including technical assistance for network classrooms in community centers and schools, planning and troubleshooting for local area networks, scheduling of video sites, and other related support activities. The community college located in the merged area of an RTC provides staff and facilitates the activities of the Council. The community college and the RTC may enter into an Iowa Code chapter 28E agreement for these arrangements.

## Funding

Funding is appropriated from the General Fund to the ITTC for distribution to the RTCs based on usage by the region. The total funding had been approximately \$993,000 annually. This budget unit was not funded in FY 2018.

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## More Information

Regional Telecommunications Councils: [www.educateiowa.gov/icn-governance-and-educational-advisory-councils](http://www.educateiowa.gov/icn-governance-and-educational-advisory-councils)

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**Related Statutes and Administrative Rules**

Iowa Code section [8D.5](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [751](#)